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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested. Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of November 19, 2007. As indicated by the Examiner, the above claims amendments render the present application in condition for allowance. Applicants amended claims 1, 5, 13, and 25-28 without prejudice or disclaimer. It is anticipated that Applicants shall file a continuation application and seek broader claims. Claim 14 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections and objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge or credit the Novak, Druce & Quigg, LLP, Account No. 14-1437 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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